

Monthly Status Report – June 2006
Montana's Action Plan for Co-Occurring Disorders

Policy Academy

- Policy Team meeting was held on June 29th. Nell Eby presented on “cultural competencies.” The agenda provided education to new members and guests regarding the history of Policy Team and discussion of organizational structure. Guests in attendance were Regional Change Agents Representatives, members of the Cultural Competency work group and Native American representatives from chemical dependency programs. Summary notes will be posted on the AMDD website.
- The next scheduled meeting is September 27, 2006.

Training/Presentations

- Minkoff provided training on June 9th entitled “Motivational Enhancement and Contingency Management Interventions for the Most Challenging Individuals with Co-Occurring Disorders.” The morning session was attended by 35 participants from the PACT teams and MCDC. The course evaluation resulted in high marks for the content being relevant to their work and the quality of the presentation.
- The afternoon, Ken provided technical assistance to over 100 psychiatrists physicians, and other clinicians on Psychopharmacology.
- Deb presented to the CIT trainees on the prevalence of co-occurring disorders in persons with mental illness.

COST (Co-Occurring Strategic Team)

- On June 7th COST members participated in a planning meeting to implement a more formal operational structure in COST, Change Agent group and Policy Team. Joan Cassidy will be the team leader and Deb Sanchez will serve as alternate for both groups.
- Minkoff/Cline Annual report was reviewed and approved. A copy is available upon request.
- COST meetings are held every Tuesday at AMDD. The membership includes: Joan Cassidy, Deb Sanchez, Lou Thompson, Marcia Armstrong, Scott Boyles and Susan Haran. Marcia will maintain summary notes on weekly COST meetings.

AMDD Co-Occurring Executive

- The next meeting is scheduled for July 17th.